

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7011–S7042

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5195–5210, and S. Res. 862–863.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2541, to authorize the reclassification of the tactical enforcement officers (commonly known as the “Shadow Wolves”) in the Homeland Security Investigations tactical patrol unit operating on the lands of the Tohono O’odham Nation as special agents, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–235)

S. 4611, to improve services for trafficking victims by establishing, in Homeland Security Investigations, the Investigators Maintain Purposeful Awareness to Combat Trafficking Trauma Program and the Victim Assistance Program, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–236)

H.R. 7240, to reauthorize the READ Act.

S. Res. 322, reaffirming the alliance between the United States and Bulgaria, congratulating Bulgaria on its July 11, 2021 parliamentary elections, and calling for continued progress in Bulgaria towards combating corruption, respecting the freedom of the press, and protecting minority rights, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 472, reaffirming the partnership between the United States and the Dominican Republic and advancing opportunities to deepen diplomatic, economic, and security cooperation between the two nations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Res. 650, recognizing May 28 as “World Hunger Day”, that the 90th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932–1933, known as the Holodomor, should serve as a reminder of repressive Soviet policies against the people of Ukraine, and that Vladimir Putin’s illegal war against Ukraine has diminished Ukraine’s agricultural output and threatens to exacerbate the problems of global hunger on World

Hunger Day, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 713, recognizing Russian actions in Ukraine as a genocide, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Res. 730, remembering the 30th anniversary of the bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992, the 28th anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine-Israeli Mutual Association building in Buenos Aires on July 18, 1994, and recommitting to efforts to uphold justice for the victims of the attacks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2333, to amend chapter 2205 of title 36, United States Code, to ensure equal treatment of athletes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2427, to require the Federal Communications Commission to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report examining the feasibility of funding the Universal Service Fund through contributions supplied by edge providers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3014, to establish the Next Generation Telecommunications Council, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3053, to amend the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017 to require the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop a plan and national guidance document to improve precipitation estimates, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3196, to enhance the policies, procedures, and training for midshipmen at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3290, to establish a National Manufacturing Extension Partnership Supply Chain Database, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3386, to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4064, to facilitate the development of a whole-of-government strategy for nuclear cooperation and

nuclear exports, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4509, to provide for security in the Black Sea region, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4955, to amend certain authorities relating to human rights violations and abuses in Ukraine, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4996, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 to modify the establishment of a coordinator for detained ISIS members and relevant displaced populations in Syria, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. Con. Res. 16, commemorating the 30th anniversary of Operation Provide Comfort, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and with an amended preamble.

S. Con. Res. 47, commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the women and men of Iran demonstrating in more than 80 cities and risking their safety to speak out against the Iranian regime's human rights abuses, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Anti-Money Laundering Whistleblower Improvement Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3316, to provide for certain whistleblower incentives and protections, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Hassan (for Grassley) Amendment No. 6507, in the nature of a substitute.

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Clear and Concise Content Act of 2022: Senate passed S. 4577, to improve plain writing and public experience, after agreeing to the committee amendments.

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National Warrior Call Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 754, designating November 13, 2022, as “National Warrior Call Day” in recognition of the importance of connecting warriors in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Hassan (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 6508, to amend the preamble.

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Black Legislative Staff Caucus 45th Anniversary: Committee on Rules and Administration was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 851, celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Senate Black

Legislative Staff Caucus and its achievements in the Senate, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Lung Cancer Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 863, designating November 2022 as “National Lung Cancer Awareness Month” and expressing support for early detection and treatment of lung cancer.

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House Messages:

FIRE Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 3092, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to improve the provision of certain disaster assistance.

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Hopkins Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jeffery Paul Hopkins, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 60 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. EX. 382), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, December 8, 2022; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Tamika R. Montgomery-Reeves, of Delaware, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Dana M. Douglas, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, at 1:45 p.m.

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Shambaugh Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Jay Curtis Shambaugh, of Maryland, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury; that there be ten minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form on the nomination; and that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination without intervening action or debate.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 378), Mia Roberts Perez, of Pennsylvania, to be United States

District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Page S7017**

By 50 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 380), Kai N. Scott, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 379), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S7017–18**

By 63 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. EX. 381), John Frank Murphy, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S7019–20**

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 383), Jerry W. Blackwell, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S7041–42**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—383) **Pages S7017–20, S7022**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7041.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, David Michael Capozzi, of Maryland, Christopher Koos, of Illinois, Samuel E. Lathem, of Delaware, and Robin Lee Wiessmann, of Pennsylvania, each to

be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Sue Ellen Moore, of Washington, and Andrew J. Read, of North Carolina, both to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission, Rubydee Calvert, of Wyoming, and Diane Susan Kaplan, of Alaska, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and routine lists in the Coast Guard.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3386, to prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4064, to facilitate the development of a whole-of-government strategy for nuclear cooperation and nuclear exports, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4509, to provide for security in the Black Sea region, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4996, to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 to modify the establishment of a coordinator for detained ISIS members and relevant displaced populations in Syria, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

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